



E-Legislative Update

April 19, 2010

Last week, the special session concluded. The Legislature voted on a final budget and revenue package. Governor Gregoire will now consider an approved budget that includes \$631 million in new revenue that will help critical state programs, including:

- The Basic Health Program, which will continue to offer health insurance for more than 60,000 Washingtonians;
- The State Need Grant program, which helps the state's lowest-income undergraduate students pursue degrees, hone skills, or retrain for new careers;
- The levy equalization program, which provides state financial support to school districts with a lower than average property tax base; and
- Maternity services for at-risk mothers and hospice care for thousands of low income Washingtonians.



Lawmakers also passed bills helping businesses, a package of job creation incentives and training programs to help people get back to work.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs legislative priorities focused on state budget development and bills that impact the Asian Pacific American community in the areas of education, health care, human services, and economic development.

Legislative Wrap-ups:

Education: The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction will be hosting a [legislative wrap-up K-20 Videoconference](#) today from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The videoconference will review the new legislation and budgets enacted during the legislative session and highlight key education-related bills. An analysis on the operating and capital budgets will also be provided.

Health Care and Human Services: More information on health and human services will be provided in the near future and can be found by visiting the [Department of Social and Health Services](#) and the [Department of Health](#).

Economic Development: Information on changes in programs at the Department of Commerce from this past legislative session can be found by clicking [here](#). A few new divisions are: Community Services and Housing, Business Services, and Innovation and Policy Priorities.

To find out more information on bills signed by the Governor, [click here](#).

To access a copy of *Legislative Session Review 2010*, [click here](#). This document contains information on bills of interest to the Asian Pacific American community from this past regular session.

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CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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